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Mr. Dave Seter
Mr. Dante Rodriguez
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency - Region 9
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**Subject: Yerington Mine Site
Administrative Order for Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS),
CERCLA Docket No. 9-2007-0005 (the "2007 Order")
Administrative Order on Consent and Settlement Agreement for Remedial Action
and Past Response Costs, CERCLA Docket No. 09-2009-0010 (the "2009 Order")
Notice of Contractor Change**

Dear Mr. Seter and Mr. Rodriguez:

This letter is being submitted pursuant to paragraphs 39 and 29 of the above referenced 2007 Order and 2009 Order. Atlantic Richfield Company is notifying EPA that, over the course of the next few months, it will be transitioning responsibilities for certain Work activities (as defined and in the respective orders) at the Yerington site from Brown and Caldwell to other contractors, as summarized below.

- Copper Environmental Consulting ("Copper")
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Copper will be assuming the lead project management role for ongoing monitoring and other Work necessary to complete the RI/FS in accordance with the 2007 Order. Copper's project manager and primary point of contact will be Dan Ferriter, Director of Mining Services, dan.ferriter@copperenv.com. Mr. Ferriter is a highly experienced mining engineer and remedial site manager. He has worked for mining and mineral development companies, and he previously worked in-house in Atlantic Richfield's remediation management group for a period of seven years. In that position, he oversaw remedial investigations and other CERCLA response actions at several former mining sites, including the Yerington and Leviathan mine sites in EPA Region 9. Formed in 2006, Copper is a regional engineering and environmental consulting firm with engineers and scientists working on projects across the Western United States. Copper has extensive experience designing and implementing site characterization and remediation programs at CERCLA sites with complex surface and groundwater issues, including other Atlantic Richfield projects in Montana, California, and Colorado. Copper personnel have already participated in several site visits, meetings, and other activities aimed at familiarizing them with site conditions, work requirements, and the site's regulatory framework. Copper's team will begin conducting field sampling activities in tandem with Brown and Caldwell personnel beginning in late July or early August 2016. Brown and Caldwell, Copper, and Atlantic Richfield will coordinate field work, data analysis, and reporting activities through the rest of 2016 to ensure a seamless transition.

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- Broadbent and Associates Inc.
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Copper will receive support from engineers and other professionals at Broadbent & Associates, Inc. ("BAI"). BAI will primarily be responsible for ongoing groundwater sampling/monitoring. BAI has extensive experience in remediation system operations and maintenance, which has been one of its core service areas since the company's inception in 1987. BAI's operations team is based out of Reno, Nevada. It includes Mr. Randy Miller, rlmiller@broadbentinc.com, who has approximately 23 years of experience focused on technical, design, field, and management aspects of soil and groundwater characterization and remediation projects.

- Arcadis
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Arcadis will be assuming responsibility from Brown and Caldwell for ongoing operation and maintenance of the Fluid Management System ("FMS"), bird mitigation, site security, and related activities required under the 2009 Order. Arcadis has been involved in bird mitigation and bird monitoring activities at the site for several years. Arcadis' project lead for FMS -related activities will be Travis Phelps, Travis.Phelps@arcadis.com.

In addition to Copper, Broadbent, and Arcadis, project support on hydrogeology, groundwater modeling, and human health risk assessment will continue to be provided by S.S. Papadopoulos (Charlie Andrews) and Ramboll Environ (Alma Feldpausch and Rosalind Schoof). As noted above, Brown and Caldwell personnel will remain involved and continue to provide valuable experience and insight on RI/FS monitoring tasks, analyses, reporting, and agency communications through approximately the end of 2016.

Atlantic Richfield is confident that its team of highly qualified contractors and subcontractors will continue to provide excellent technical support to ensure compliance with the requirements under the 2007 Order and 2009 Order and to effectively and efficiently complete the CERCLA response actions required at the Yerington site. We appreciate EPA's patience and support as we work through these transitions.

Please contact me at (657) 529-4581 or via e-mail at jack.oman@bp.com if you have any related questions or need additional information about these contractors' qualifications, the timing of the noted transitions, or the nature of the Work that each contractor will be performing.

Sincerely,



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